(ii) The income of ex-Servicemen from all sources including pension should not exceed Rs. 1000/.

(iii) They should not be gainfully employed and they should not own 5 acres of or more of irrigated land or 10 acres or more of non-irrigated land.

(iv) The land leased, together with the land already owned or held on lease from any source by the ex-Servicemen, should not exceed 5 acres of wet os 10 acres of dry land.

(v) Where land is leased out to a cooperative society of ex-Servicemen, all the members of the Cooperative society should fulfil the above conditions and the total land leased out to such cooperative society is not to exceed the sum total of eligibility for land in respect of each individual ex-Servicemen comprising the society according to the aforesaid conditions. Available land is distributed among all the eligible ex-Servicemen equitably subject to a minimum of 1 acre of irrigated land or 2 acres of dry land per ex-Servicemen, preference being given to the poorest. Where ex-Servicemen or their co-operatives do not come forth to take lease of temporarily surplus land such lands can also be leased out to landless poor persons whose total holding (owned as well as held on lease from any other source) is lese than 5 acres or 10 acres dry and whose monthly income from all sources is Rs. 500.00 or lease. The area land to be leased to such persons should not exceed 5 acres of wetland or 10 acres of dry land including the lard already owned or held on lease from any source. Applications from ex-Servicemen are entertained through the local DSSA. Beards and landless persons through Collectors /Tehsildars.

3. The Diractor General Defence Estate has been delegerted power to grant leases for petrol pumps, subject to availability of defence land.

Where such premises belong to the Ministry of Defence and houses constructed thereon are also the property of the Government, allotment of such premises is done by the Station HQrs.

Revision of Pay Scales of Teachers in No. 1 EME Centre Secunderabad

3853. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scalss of civilian school teachers working at No. 1 EME Centre, Secunderabad have not been revised as per recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governmer t are also aware that certain Civilian School Teachers have already retired from service on superannuation after Ist January, 1986, without getting the benefits of approved pay scales ; and

(d) if answer to parts (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take to give revised pay scales to the Civilian School Teachers of Secunderabad?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Civilian School Masters Working in the No. 1 EME Centre have been given the normal replacement scales, as per the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such case has come to Governmennts notice.

(d) Does not arise.

Daily Wage Workers in Coast Guard

3854. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services of workers on daily wage basis are being utilised regularly in Coast Guard Headquarters for the last 7 to 8 years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not regularising their services so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of them have approached the Court of Law for their absorption;

(d) whether it is also a fact that action under CCS (CCA) Rules 1964 is being initiated against such workers who have gone to court; and

(e) whether Government propose to proceed against casual labour under CC (CCA) Rules 1964?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir

(a) As per Government policy the services of casual workers are regulerised subject to the availability of va canuis fulfilment of the eligibility condctions by the candidates and adherence to the re-

cruitment procedures. It has not been possible to regularise any of the leigible daily wage workers in the Coast Guard Headquarters due to the non-availability of vacancies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Vehicles Developed by Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur

3855. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur has developed its own prototypes in 0.5 Ton and 2.5 Ton class which meet the G.S.Q.R. of new generation vehicles required by the Army; and

(b) whether these prototypes have fared well?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur has offered prototype vehicle in 0.5 Ton and 2.5 Ton category against the G.S.Q.R. of new generation vehicles required by the Army. The performance of these vehicles will be known after completion of the User-trials which are in progress.

Election to Cantonment Boards

3856. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the election to 62 Cantonment Boards were held on 2nd February, 1992;

(b) whether any complaint from the public of Danapur Cantonment was submitted to the President, Danapur Cantonment on 22nd January, 1992 and 29th January, 1992 regarding alleged threats to the voters and Candidates of the Ward No. 5 of Danapur Cantonment, with fire arms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on 2nd February, 1992 (election day) the voters were chared at pistol point and a number of bombs were exploded in ward No. 5; and

(d) if so, the steps taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Election to 56 Cantonment Boards were held on 2-2-1992.

(b) Two complaints, dated 22-1-92 and 29-1-92 were received from one Shri Ram Naresh Prasad, a resident of Saguna, Danapur Municipality addressed to the President, Cantonment Board, Danapur, *inter alia* containing alleged threats to voters and candidates by Shri Manoj Kumar a contesting candidate from Ward No. 5 Danapur Cantt and his supporters. CEO Danapur, took up the matter with the SDO, Danapur, and also with the complainant and advised all concerned to maintain peace.

(c) and (d) No such report has been received from the President, Cantonment Board. The election to Cantonment Board, Danapur, was held smoothly.

Weeding out of Naval Vessels

3857. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of of the naval vessels presently in service are in the process of being weeded out;

(b) if so, what is the number of naval frigates to be weeded out within the next three to five years and the number by which the strength of the naval vessels would be reduced as a consequence thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the deficiency in the naval fleet is not likely to be met due to resources crunch;

(d) if so, what would be the gap between the weeding out and the induction of new naval vessels; and

(e) what would be its likely impact on the combat efficiency of naval force and what action Government proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e) The force levels of the Indian Navy are being developed in accordance with a Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) and the Five Year Naval Plans which take into account the geopiotical environment in the region., the maritime interests of the country, the types of operations that the Indian Navy would be called upon to perform, and the availability of funds. The Government ensure that the Indian Navy is maintained in a state of full preparedness for meeting any eventuality that may arise. Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.

Export by BEL

3858. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of decline in the BEL, export orders for Defence at the